

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph 16, on page 6, at line 12 as follows:

The needle body also contains a blocking mechanism which is activated by an interaction with the lancing aid. The blocking mechanism changes the needle body in such a manner that after the lancet system has been ejected from the lancing aid, the holding element on the lancing aid can no longer interact with the holding element of the ~~lancing aid lancet system~~ lancet system when it is reinserted. This prevents re-use of a lancet system that has been ejected once. In this connection the blocking mechanism can be automatically actuated as soon as certain operating steps have been carried out on the lancing aid. However, other embodiments are conceivable in which the user actuates the blocking mechanism by a separate operating step.